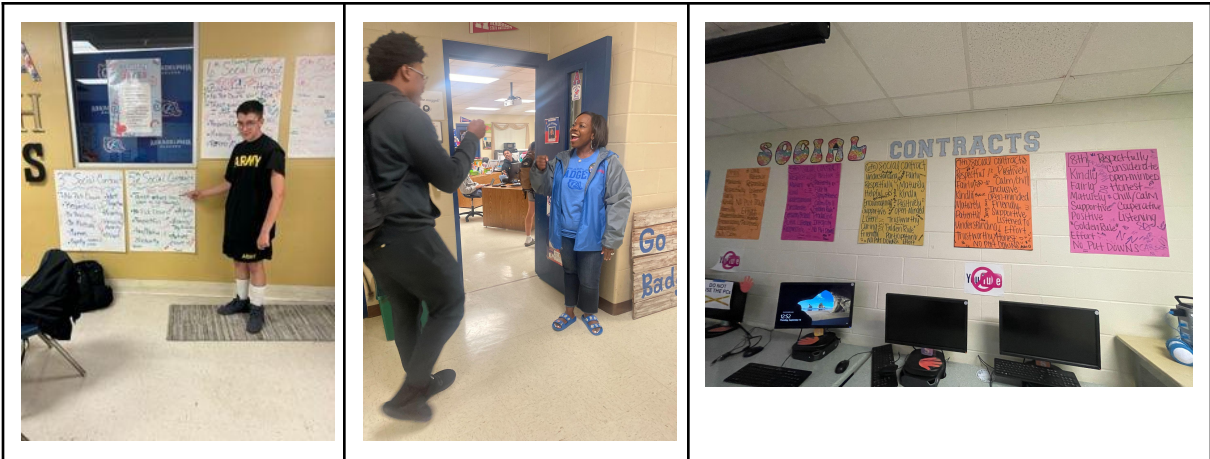


Arkadelphia High School
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- Teachers have begun implementing Capturing Kids' Hearts with the display and use of social contracts and greeting students at their doors.



- PLC teams are continuing the work on refining and assessing essential standards. Additionally, they are considering suggestions for the recently revised AHS Mission Statement and rubrics for Common Formative Assessments.



- The AHS Book Club is currently reading *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver and meets the last Monday of the month during lunch. Everyone, including APSD staff and parents are invited to join in on reading this month's selection.



- The Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Industries of Arkansas in March 2016 launched the "Be Pro Be Proud" initiative with the goal of creating a new generation of pride, progress and professionals to Arkansas's skilled workforce. One of the target groups in their initiative is High School students. With there being a shortage in technical professions, the focus is to bring awareness to the many career opportunities available to students directly after graduating from High School. There is often a stigma that is placed on pursuing trade school after graduation, so Be Pro Be Proud's goal is to dispel the myths about skilled trade professions. AHS had approximately 250 students (9th-12th) and an additional 60 Goza students who visited the "Be Pro Be Proud" 78 foot double wide tractor trailer mobile workshop. While on the mobile workshop, students were able to hear from a representative form the organization. They discussed topics ranging from the average salary in Arkansas and how that compared to some of the salaries that skilled trade professions offered to some real life success stories of students entering the trade profession. Our students were challenged to really think about what their plans are after graduation and were provided with how pursuing a trade occupation would be a great idea for some of them. Students also got the opportunity to participate on 7 different simulators ranging from truck driving to hauling dirt on a tractor.

